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Additional County Firefighter Staffing Approved

SAN BERNARDINO –On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$290,000 General Fund allocation to place additional firefighters in foothill, mountain and desert communities during fire season.

"I applaud the San Bernardino County Fire Department for being proactive by putting more firefighters on the frontlines to extinguish fires before they threaten lives and property," Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane said.

The County Fire Department will combine the \$290,000 approved Tuesday with about \$100,000 that was left over from supplemental fire staffing approved last year by the Board of Supervisors. The Fire Department did not use all of the \$550,000 approved last year by Supervisors because rainfall in December and early spring negated the need for the additional firefighter staffing.

The additional firefighters will be placed in targeted areas for six months – July to November of 2008 and April to June of 2009.

The following outlines how the additional staffing will be allocated:

San Antonio Heights (Station 12) – one firefighter 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

Lytle Creek (Station 20) – three paid-call firefighters working 10-hour shifts on weekends and holidays

Angelus Oaks (Station 15) – three paid-call firefighters working 10-hour day shifts, five days a week

Wrightwood (Station 101) – one firefighter 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

Grand Terrace (Station 23) – one firefighter 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

Yucca Valley (Station 122) – one firefighter 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

Phelan (Station 10) – one firefighter 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

Lucerne Valley (Station 111) – one firefighter 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

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